



BULLETIN:

Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos and Technical Assistance Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos

1. CACFP 16-2016 Using Federal Funds to Support FoodCorps Service Members
2. CACFP 17-2016 Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the CACFP Q&A
3. CACFP 18-2016 Resources for Making Potable Water Available in Schools and Child Care Facilities
4. CACFP 19-2016 2-16 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals
5. CACFP 20-2016 Water Availability in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
6. CACFP 21-2016 Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meal Programs and the Child and Adult Care Food Program
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1. CACFP 16-2016 Using Federal Funds to Support FoodCorps Service Members

The memorandum clarifies how state agencies and school food authorities can use federal funds to support FoodCorps service members.

2. CACFP 17-2016 Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the CACFP Q&A

This memorandum explains the nutrition requirements for fluid milk and fluid milk substitutions and includes questions and answers. It supersedes CACFP 21-2011. The updates include reference to the new meal pattern that goes into effect October 1, 2017. Agencies may wish to start some of the new milk requirements sooner to get the children used to the changes. Only serving whole milk to children from 12 months through 24 months can be started now along with only serving children 1-5 years of age plain unflavored milk, or if substitution is required, plain creditable milk substitution. If you're going to serve flavored milk to children 6 years and old and adults start serving fat free milk. These requirements will go into effect on October 1, 2017.

3. CACFP 18-2016 Resources for Making Potable Water Available in Schools and Child Care Facilities

This memorandum is to remind program operators of the potable water requirement and to identify resources found in the attachment that can be used by schools and child care facilities in meeting this requirement.

4. CACFP 19-2016 2-16 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals

This manual provides comprehensive information on Federal requirements, policies, and procedures, and is intended to help State agencies and local agencies accurately determine children's eligibility in the free, reduced price, and over income categories. Agencies will use this information to complete the CACFP required One Month Enrollment Report (OMER) on an annual basis.

5. CACFP 20-2016 Water Availability in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

This memorandum explains the water requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and supersedes CACFP 20-2011, *Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Water Availability in the Child and Adult Care Food program*.

6. CACFP 21-2016 Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meal Programs and the Child and Adult Care Food Program

This memorandum explains how to credit tofu and soy yogurt in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (starting October 1, 2017). This memorandum supersedes SP 16-2012 *Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products*, February 22, 2012.

7. CACFP 22-2016 Taking Food Components Off-site in the At-Risk Afterschool Component of the CACFP

The purpose of this memorandum is to extend to the at-risk afterschool component of CACFP the flexibility to take certain food items off-site. This is currently allowed in SFSP – and this only applies to At-Risk Afterschool Meals programs.

8. CACFP Annual Paperwork available on CNP Web

Agencies will be notified when the annual paperwork will be available on the CNP Web database. This should be close to September 1, 2016 with required submission by October 1, 2016.

All agencies are required to submit an annual budget for FY2017 by October 1, 2016. New budgets will be available through the CNP Web database. Single site centers that are ONLY using CACFP funds for CACFP Food, CACFP Kitchen Supplies, CACFP Food Service Labor, or CACFP Administrative Labor may use the Attachment A & B: Simple Food Service Budget. All other agencies will use Attachment A: Complete Food Service Budget with Details. This will be discussed in detail at all CACFP Annual trainings. The only agencies not required to submit budgets are school districts operating under the National School Lunch Program.

9. CACFP Reimbursement Rates

USDA has updated the CACFP reimbursement rates starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Please find the updated reimbursement rates on the CACFP Bulletins page:

<http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

10. New Tips to include in the Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children: Provider Handbook for the CACFP



New! Tips for CACFP Providers Now Available!

- Looking for ideas for creating a positive meal environment?
- Interested in serving family style meals?
- Want tips on how you can get children involved in mealtime?

Check out two new additions to *Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children: Provider Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program*



- Supplement D: Create a Positive Meal Environment
- Supplement E: Support Family Style Meals

You can find these tips on the CACFP Bulletins page:

<http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>

Contact CACFP office if you would like a copy of the Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children: Provider Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Agencies that administer CACFP for family day care homes have received a copy for each provider. We have more copies for child care center providers!

11. A Rising Tide of Attention to the Early Childhood Workforce: Releasing the Early Childhood Career Pathways Statement

By: Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, ACF

We are in the midst of a rising tide of attention to the early childhood workforce, and it's long overdue. In the space of a year, we have had multiple reports focusing on the importance of those working directly with young children, from birth to kindergarten,

and the professionalization (including appropriate compensation) of this workforce. Last year, the Institute of Medicine released its expert consensus report, [Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8: A Unifying Foundation](#). That report outlined the sophisticated knowledge of child development and learning needed for working with young children and outlined a series of actions to support the competencies of early educators as well as the comprehensive, functioning system of professional development to promote a high-quality, well-compensated workforce across child care, Head Start, and school-sponsored programs.

ACF is pleased to announce a new [Policy Statement on Early Childhood Career Pathways](#) as part of our focus on elevating the early childhood workforce in policy and practice. This policy paper focuses on lead teachers, with state and local recommendations for creating a sequence of stackable, portable credentials that reflect the sophisticated science of working with young children, combined with the supports educators need to advance their individual career advancement on that pathway.

This complements the report released in conjunction with the White House State of Women Summit, on compensation across the early childhood workforce, that shows the remarkably inequitable and low compensation of early educators by setting. In [every state](#), the average/median wage for a child care teacher was below the eligibility cut-off for SNAP. Last month, we published a joint report with the U.S. Department of Education on [Early Learning Career Pathways Initiative: Credentialing in the Early Care and Education Field](#) highlighting the efforts of four states. Earlier this year, we unveiled [Early Educator Central](#)—a source for online coursework and tools for states in designing early childhood professional development systems, such as a cost analysis tool and sample articulation agreements. Look for more publications and tools to come from the new [National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning](#) and view the new [Policy Statement on Early Childhood Career Pathways](#).

All of this work leads to the same conclusion: Our workforce has a critical role in the current and future success of our nation; our workforce is inadequately supported and compensated; and wide inequities remain in who has access to those supports to be a great educator and to continue working with children and families.

One year has passed since the IOM report. Will this rising tide lift all boats? Let's use this year to put into action those recommendations and close the gaps for early childhood educators and, in turn, for our children for whom each year is critical.



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12. Payments for Reimbursements

As a reminder this time each year the payments for claim reimbursements slow down a bit as the State closes out the state fiscal year. EED does a good job turning around your reimbursements promptly throughout the year so please be patient as your claim will be processed as soon as possible. You can check the status of your payments through the IRIS self-service portal at: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/iris/vendor.html>.

13. Mealtime Memo: Is It Safe to Eat: Food Temperatures for Child Care

This month's Mealtime Memo focuses on controlling temperatures for food safety. You can find the Mealtime Memo at the CACFP Bulletins page: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office

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All attachments for this bulletin can be found on the State of Alaska Child Nutrition Programs, CACFP Bulletins page: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

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